

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

The only true guarantee of a free society is a free press. As corporate ownership and newertainment become the standards in America, the interests of the corporation and capitalisim interfere with accurate and complete reporting. It is not just the problem with 60 Minutes and the tobacco industry which informs this position.

What will America be if not THE symbol for freedom. How will America be assured of free thought and information without a free press.

Please do not further loosen the rules designed to protect free press, free speech. America is only as good as its governance, please govern for a free future.

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